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1. The following railroad lines in the Plovdiv area were constructed and allegedly completed during the summer of 1950:
 - a. A railroad line joining point RF 4595 and RF 4090; this is apparently a new section connecting the Plovdiv-Sofia and the Plovdiv-Asenovgrad railroad lines.
 - b. A railroad line joining points RA 5307 and RA 4707; this is apparently a new section of the Plovdiv-Klimentinovo and Plovdiv-Stara Zagora railroad lines.
2. Both of the above railroad lines were constructed at an accelerated pace (within two months) by Trudovak labor. Informant states these lines were built to by-pass Plovdiv in the event that the latter city is bombed.
3. A new macadam highway, six meters wide, joining Yugovo with Monastir was completed in 1948.
4. During 1948 the road from Plovdiv to the village of Oryakhovo was macadamized and widened to six meters, except for the section from Plovdiv to Komatevo, which is paved with cobblestones.
5. A new street has been constructed in Plovdiv extending from the railroad freight station to the southern part of the city. In order to allow for air raid shelters and to allow the street to be constructed in a more or less direct line, a new tunnel was constructed through a hill in the eastern section of the city. The tunnel is 300 meters long, 18 meters wide and 16 meters high.
6. [redacted] a completed road network was recently constructed in the territory south of Devin and near the Greek frontier. It is now possible to use motor vehicles in this area, which was previously limited to transportation by mules.

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